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N.H.H.S. Reunion

By Sonya Emond

"Something for everyone" is the theme of the North Hastings High School reunion, taking place on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, June 28 to July 1, 1996; and celebrating 50 years of education.

Numerous activities are planned: with a choir, an art display of work by former alumni, a parade of antique and vintage cars, sports activities, and a church service led by former students who have been ordained into the various ministries.

Ample time has been set aside for reminiscing and catching up on the years, as well as plenty of food and refreshments.

A variety show will give some alumni a chance to entertain and others a chance to relax and enjoy the show after dinner.

Saturday night is the time to dust off the dancing shoes as *** Sounds presents a full evening of music from 1946 - 1996, and dance contests to match.

The winning ticket for a Limited Edition print entitled "Watson's March" will be drawn at the dance. This print, which has been circulating around Bancroft since last fall, was dedicated to the memory of Jack Watson, who was a major organizer of the High School reunion in 1985.

Local merchants

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S.M.A.S.H. and S.W.O.M.P.

Lynda Whitefield

What does "SMASH" stand for, other than damage to your property?

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* 1) Wayne Whitefield Memorial Fun Run.
DATE: June 9/96
TIME: 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.
*2) SMASH vs SWOMP Fun Run
DATE: Sept. 8/96
TIME: 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Both races are to be held near Wilberforce, on Wilbermere Lake, Highway 648.

Food and Beverage will be available. Door prizes and a 50/50 draw will be offered.

If you have your own racing boat or if you would like more information regarding these scheduled events, please contact:
* Phil Whitefield (705) 448-2964
or
* Mike Poppe (705) 448-2052.

The weather will be hot and the racing will be intense, so we hope to see you there!

Wilberforce Country Good Times

By Kerry Riley

July 19th of this year is a date keenly anticipated by all Wilberforce area youngsters, no matter what their age.

That evening the midway comes to town, and officially opens the weekend long, 22nd annual Country Good Times celebration. Country Good Times is the biggest summer event in Wilberforce; and the friendly town extends an enthusiastic welcome to one and all.

While thoughts of ferris wheels and cotton candy may dominate youthful imaginations, the many other entertaining and interesting events packed

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Rockhound Gemboree

WHERE FUN IS DOWN TO EARTH

By Chris Fouts

The 33rd Annual Rockhound Gemboree is coming to the Arena in Bancroft, August 1 to 4.

Where else would one expect to find Canada's largest gem and mineral show but in the "Mineral Capital of Canada", Bancroft, Ontario?

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Grenville Martin Ball Tournament - Harcourt

By Kerry Riley

This year, Harcourt's Grenville Martin Memorial Ball Tournament is being held **July 12, 13 and 14.**

It's a 24 year old, weekend long celebration of baseball which, in this small town in eastern Haliburton County, has become synonymous with summer.

Named in the 1980's for a prominent local businessman who died tragically in a plane crash, the event attracts teams from as far away as Uxbridge, Belleville and Oshawa.

The challengers convene to test the mettle of more local entries from towns such as Harcourt, Wilberforce, Haliburton, Minden, Maynooth, Bancroft, and Gooderham.

Round robin competitions start on Friday around 7:00 p.m. and continue all day Saturday and Sunday, beginning about 9:00 a.m.

Those in the know suggest that the Minden and Fenelon Falls entries, in particular, may give the local teams some trouble - these towns boast perennial contenders.

It is a scenic drive to Harcourt, no matter where you're coming from: and everything necessary for a great day out with the family is located on-site.

The event is held at the ball diamond, behind the Harcourt Community Centre, which is located just off Highway 648, on the well marked Community Centre Road.

Admission is by donation.

The ball diamond is part of a public park, which also has picnic tables, playground equipment, and

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Forest & Wildlife

By Ben DeCarlo

Wilberforce Elementary School

On April 3 we left school at 9:00 a.m. to travel for an hour to the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve for an overnight school trip.

This trip was for the grade 4, 5, and 6's.

When we got there we unpacked our bags, met our guides, Tom and Dave, moved in to our cabins, played a few games, and ate lunch.

This trip was mainly to study the wolves.

After lunch we went for a long walk and tried to find places where animals could be or are living in. We found many interesting places.

After that, we went for supper.

We met at a big building after supper. We practised our howl. Then at 7:00 we walked down the road, close to the cage, and started howling. The wolves answered back.

When we were howling we were being taped by Ontario Out of Doors. We might be on TV.

After the howl we returned to the building, said "Good Night," returned to our cabins, and partied for 2 hours. At 10 we had to go to bed.

We ate a really good breakfast.

After we ate, we

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Cardiff Pool

from Bicroft Recreation Committee

The Cardiff pool will be open for the Summer on June 21st, 1996.

Seasonal memberships to the Cardiff pool are available to people residing outside of Bicroft Township. A membership crest provides admittance to the pool for open swimming during the entire summer. The cost for non-residents of Bicroft Township is $30.00 per membership, with a maximum of $100.00 per family.

Membership is $20.00 per person with a maximum of $75.00 per family for residents of Bicroft Township.

The membership fee for all Seniors is $15.00 each.

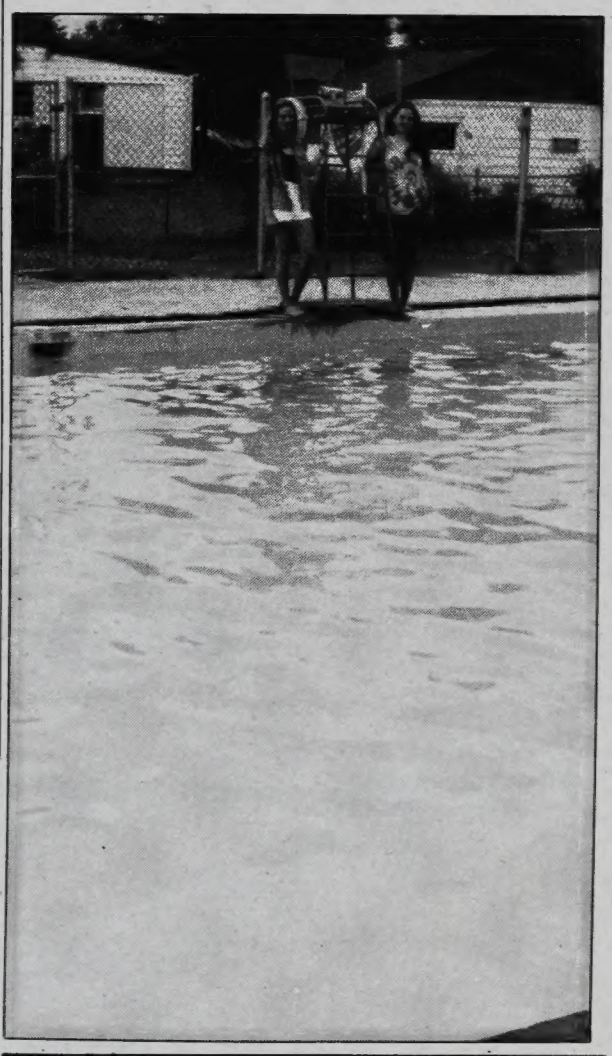
The admission fee for individuals not holding a season membership is $2.00 per day for children and $3.00 per day for adults.

The pool is available for open swimming at various times from around noon to closing in the evening.

Swimming Instruction continues to be offered at a rate of $35.00 per four-week session for non-residents; and $20.00 for each four-week session for residents.

The wading pool will be open for children 7 years of age and under, the same hours as the swimming pool. Parents and guardians are responsible for their children's safety in the wading area. Since no lifeguard is on duty at that location, your child must be attended by someone aged 13 or older.

Please contact the Bicroft Municipal Office at 339-2442 for further information on the use of the pool and details for swimming instruction.



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Monmouth Fair

By Kerry Riley

When Wilberforce stages its Agricultural Fair, July 27, a lot of the city comes to the country - contrary to the Ontario Royal Winter Fair's claim.

The event, which showcases the area's agricultural and community life, is popular with tourists, cottagers, and locals alike.

Gates open at 9 a.m. Admission is $3.00; kids are free.

The Curling Rink houses a flea market and the Domestic Science exhibits. Intricate quilts, sparkling jars of preserves, and succulent produce are all on display. There are also many children's competitions, including a poster and essay contest. You can measure your talents against the best the area has to offer, or just appreciate the work well done.

The petting zoo is a favourite with children.

Young and old alike delight in the Mutt show. The timed obstacle course draws large crowds, as the dogs, following the owner's commands, race at break-neck speed, over, under and around various obstacles in their quest for the finish line.

The Halflinger horse show includes a hitch class with colourful horse and wagon teams parading the circuit.

Would you know an embden from a toulouse, a nubian from an alpine, or a Flemish giant if you met one? If not, a tour of the poultry, goat and rabbit exhibits will straighten you out.

The sanctioned goat show is a new event, and includes a junior showmanship class.

Other entertaining events include the Teddy Bear Parade and the

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Theatrics Summer Playhouse

By Betty Lambeck

The THEATRICS SUMMER PLAYHOUSE celebrates its fifth anniversary of live summer theatre, this year, with the presentation of three comedy features.

The locally based theatre troupe will perform in Bancroft's "Village Playhouse" in July and August. Each show will run eight nights, Wednesdays through Saturdays.

"LEND ME A TENOR" by Ken Ludwig is the season opener on July 3. "LEND ME A TENOR" is a period piece, set in the 1930's. The Cleveland Opera Guild has snared the talents of Tito Merelli, also known as "Il Stupendo," world famous tenor, for a one night only performance. Unfortunately, "Il Stupendo" has a healthy thirst, a roving eye, and a bevy of admirers. Keeping him sober and away from the ladies is assigned to the company's general errand boy, Max.

Max is himself a frustrated singer and longs for his chance to impress the manager's daughter and appear on stage. With Tito passed out, presumed dead, and definitely incapacitated, the "show must go on" with hilarious results.

Theatric's second

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went to view, and to see pictures of, the wolves. Watching them play and eat was very interesting.

After viewing and sketching, we ate lunch.

We packed and left at 1:30 p.m. on April 4.

My favourite part of the trip was listening to the wolves answer us. Special thanks to Mrs. Benoit, Mr. Simmons, Mrs. Gadway, Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. Swan and our guides, Tom and Dave.

The food was delicious.

I hope we go back next year.

- Ben DeCarlo, Grade 6

Horse Club Shows

By Evelyn Harris

The Rocky Hills Horse Club presents for 1996 four Horse Shows at the ring in Paudash. This is on Highway 28 south, next to Donovan's Excavating.

The shows start at 11:00 a.m.

The shows start with Halter, then Performance, and last Gymkhana. Youth, Intermediate, and Senior classes compete for year-end awards.

The Show dates are:

* May 26
* June 9
* July 14, and
* August 11.

If you would like more information on the club shows, or the club, you could contact any of the following:

* President - Mike Wood, Bancroft;
* Vice-President - Marty White, L'Amable;
* Secretary - Laurie Wood, Bancroft;
* Treasurer - Kim White, L'Amable.

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EDITORIAL

By Stewart Smith

We wish all of you - visitors and permanent residents alike - a delightful summer in the Highlands of Hastings and Haliburton.

I remember as a child feeling isolated, in a strange summer community, with little knowledge of what activities to attend, or occasions to mix with the permanent residents.

In case there are others like myself, this issue of the Cardiff Courier has been prepared to let you know what you can attend, and where and how you can participate, this summer.

These articles have been prepared usually by organizers of the events. This is their invitation to you to take part.

This list is by no means exhaustive. We keep thinking of more and more events and activities which we would have liked to include. I suppose that means that you must subscribe to the Cardiff Courier, to keep your finger on the pulse of lively communities.

Historic House - Red Cross Outpost

By Hilda G.J. Clark

The Red Cross Outpost Historic House on the main street in Wilberforce will once again be open to visitors this summer.

Featured this season is a special display, "In and Out of the General Store." This is mainly a collection of articles, photographs, and other memorabilia that the Agnew family had treasured, and displaved to kick off he celebration of the 75th Anniversary of their General Store. Members of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild, which operates the Museum, were delighted when Agnews agreed to loan the display.

The recent gift of some excellent pictures of Josephine Jackson, the first Ontario Red Cross Outpost nurse, has been added to the permanent collection.

It is hoped that Charles Whebell, son of "Miss Jackson" (Mrs. Whebell) will visit this summer. Watch the Coming Events for news of that.

The Outpost will be open daily during July and August from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a guide available to lead visitors through the building and to show an historic Red Cross film twice daily.

Most Thursday mornings there will be a short Children's program to perk their interest in local history.

An old fashioned corn/wiener roast on August 15 will celebrate the 4th Anniversary of the Outpost as a Museum. Everyone welcome!

Watch for the Guild's float in the Country Good Times Parade on Saturday, July 20. We've got "Something to Sing About," which is the C.G.Times theme this year.

The Guild hopes to do an Historical Walk about the village and have some handouts for possible car tours to observe some of our older buildings and sites in this area.

The W.H.Guild hopes that this season at the Outpost will continue to fulfil its goals in preserving and promoting our local heritage.

Coe Hill Agricultural Society Fair

By Lois McCaw

Laughter, hair raising rides, and great entertainment will thrill and amaze you at this little big fair, nestled in Cottage Country, 25 miles south of Bancroft. Since 1882 the Coe Hill Agricultural Fair has grown and flourished every year with new exhibits, rides, and entertainment.

The Coe Hill Fair of 1996 is on Friday and Saturday, August 23 and 24.

Friday night will be in full swing with the Hell Drivers, featuring all women drivers. They, we are told, put on a better performance than the men. There will also be a chance for one lucky person to go for a ride in the Monster Tank.

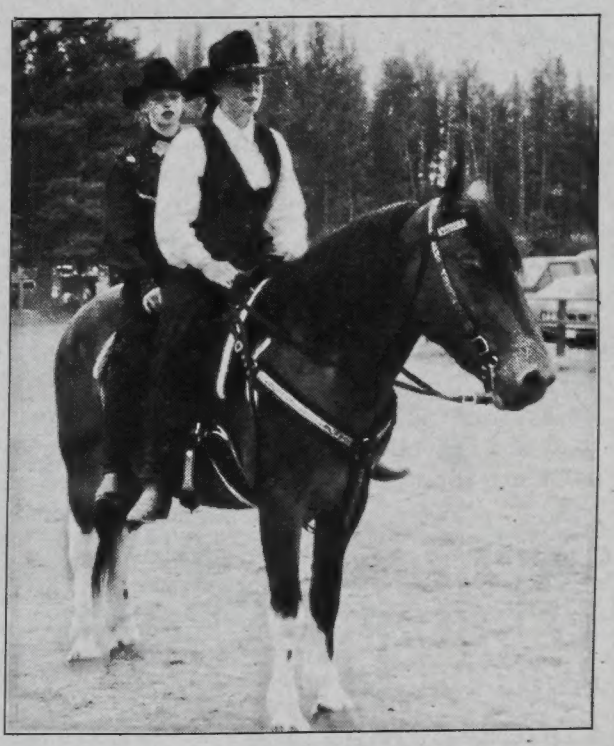
The Midway will be going on full tilt with 12 or more rides.

Over 55 concessions and vendors of every type are jammed onto the grounds displaying their wares. One concession of work and gortex boots is a high draw for our fair; and many people come year after year to buy their boots from him.

The Agricultural Hall will be open from 7:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. and is truly a masterpiece of new and traditional crafts, baking, sewing, quilting, and produce, showing the local talent to be second to none, and culture oriented. There are over 124 sections in the Specials alone this year, with prize money up on some.

In the Train Station with other paraphernalia used by the C.N.R. years ago will be a Caboose warming heater that the meals of the rail road staff were warmed on. It is quite unique and a piece of our history.

Another new addition this year will



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North Hastings Museum

By Vilma Walker

The North Hastings Heritage Museum in the Town of Bancroft is a MUST to see while visiting this area.

Constructed of hand hewn dovetail timbers, over 100 years old, the Museum holds 10 galleries of area history.

There are also displays of Victorian style costumes, an extensive mineral collection, early doctor's, dentist's and hospital equipment. and much more. This is a very interesting place to spend some time.

There is wheelchair access to the main galleries and washroom.

Open the last week of June, to Labour Day weekend, from **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 7 days a week.**

Drop in and see this wonderful Museum: one of a kind.

Canada Day in Bancroft

By Chris Fouts

Come out and bring the family to "Party in the Park," Bancroft's Canada Day celebration in the York River Centennial Park.

The nation is 129 years young.

Activities planned for Monday, July 1st include: wagon rides through the park, boat rides on the York River, the Dunk Tank, Tug-of-War, music provided by local musicians and singers, children's games, a Classic Car display, Art Gallery book sale, Craft Show and, of course, a spectacular fireworks display.

An invitation is extended to all crafts people who are interested in participating in the Canada Day Craft Show. Call the Chamber of Commerce to book space.

The North Hastings Heritage Museum opens this weekend, with wonderful displays of pioneer artifacts.

The Bancroft Mineral Museum is open for viewing of over 300 locally collected specimens.

And the Art Gallery of Bancroft will be showing watercolours by Joyce O'Shaughnessy and Howard Flute.

Teams are required for the Tug-of-War contest. Make up a team, come out and compete. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for details.

Music will be provided throughout the day by local entertainers. A wide variety of styles will be offered.

Children's activities will include face painting, a colouring contest, water balloon toss, plus much more.

The fireworks display is something we can all be proud of. But it is almost entirely dependent upon community support. This year CJNH Radio will not be holding a fund raising pledge drive, so it is especially important to make a donation to see this event continue. The more support, the better the display. So come out and enjoy "your" fireworks display.

For information on any and all Canada Day activities, or to volunteer for any activities, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 613-332-1513.

RODEO

By Chris Fouts

"Buck up," pardner and "steer" into Bancroft for the 3rd Annual Mineral Capital Rodeo, this year August 16, 17 and 18th.

This Ontario Rodeo Association sanctioned show is great entertainment for the whole family. An inclusive list of these events includes: bareback bronc riding, steer wrestling, bull riding, team roping, breakaway roping, barrel racing, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, and the ever popular mutton busting.

Friday night sees a kick-off Country & Western dance at 9 pm.

Saturday starts with a Parade at 11 am, hits stride with a Rodeo Performance between 2 pm and 5 pm, continues with a Beef Bar-B-Q, and finishes with the Gala Country and Western Dance at 9 pm. Last year featured a stunning performance by up and coming

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public washrooms, change rooms and showers.

A snack bar and beer garden will be operating for the duration of the tournament.

The community has organized special events to complement the baseball action.

A giant jackpot Bingo will be held at the Community Centre on Friday night, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday night features a dance, beginning at 9:00 p.m., also at the Community Centre. with Timber Tom and the Cross Cuts doing the musical honours. The tunes will continue 'til 1:00 a.m.

The competition reaches its zenith on Sunday, as the teams battle it out for the top prizes, and the tournament winners are determined.

The play is fast and furious, with the coveted Grenville Martin Memorial Trophy and about $1400.00 worth of prize money up for grabs.

All in all, it's a solid weekend of entertainment, held in a beautiful setting, for a minimum cost - a winning combination.

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Dear Amy

Dear Amy.

Exactly a year ago this month, I had a serious heart attack.

I am a Born Again Christian; and as usual, God proved to be faithful. I had complete peace through the whole time.

Now, a year later, I find myself fearful and anxious, afraid to move in case I have another heart attack.

I cannot account for my fears. Amy. can you?

- Signed: Heart to Heart

Dear Heart to Heart:

God is faithful. His word declares this, and many of us can attest to this fact.

He says in His word, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Interestingly enough, God does not give us grace to store in the bank. He does not give us grace one moment before we need it.

It appears that last year at this time you were dying, and at that time you had dying grace. This year you are well and are not in need of dying grace. Therefore, it is not there.

The Scripture also says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee."

I would suggest that you read Philippians 4:7: "Whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are pure ...think on these things." Then get busy and do whatever your hand finds to do.

- Sincerely, Amy

Would you like to discuss a problem with "Dear Amy"? You can write to her c/o Cardiff Courier, Box 99, Cardiff, Ontario. K0L 1M0.

Collect Your Own Mineral Specimens

DAY TRIPPING FUN

By Chris Fouts

You've been to the Gemboree and seen all the fabulous specimens available from around the world; you've been to the Bancroft Mineral Museum and seen some of the incredible samples found in this area; but how do you find specimens yourself?

The answer is Geologist-led Mineral Collecting Field Trips.

The Bancroft and District Chamber of Commerce operates field trips Tuesdays and Thursdays in July and August.

Registration is at 9:30 am at the Chamber office, and trips usually last about four hours.

Geologist Chris Fouts gives a short talk before the party heads out, describing the locations that are to be visited. He describes the geology, minerals and the best way to find and extract these minerals. He also advises on how to collect safely and is happy to answer any questions on minerals, mining or geology.

Participants should dress appropriately, (sturdy footwear, long pants, hat for sun protection, and rain gear if necessary). Bring a small garden cultivator (or something to rake through rock rubble or dirt), safety glasses, rock hammer, rock chisel, a container for collectibles, and bug repellent.

A lunch, with plenty of fluids for a hot day, is a must, since collecting continues through the noon hour.

Collecting equipment is available at the Mineral Capital Gift Shop in "the Old Station". Rock hammers are available for sale and rent. Backpacks, canvas bags, magnifying loupes, mineral kits and the Bancroft and District Mineral Collecting Guidebook are also available.

Participants follow the geologist in their own vehicles, convoy fashion, to local collecting sites, and can leave at any time.

During the day, Chris and a geological assistant are ready to point out good collecting areas, and to provide advice on collecting and identification of just about anything you find.

The trip is a great get away for the whole family. A chance to learn something about rocks and minerals, the bedrock around us, and to get out in the sunshine and fresh air.

Costs are $7 per person, $15 per family. Call the Bancroft and District Chamber of Commerce for more information, (613) 332-1513.

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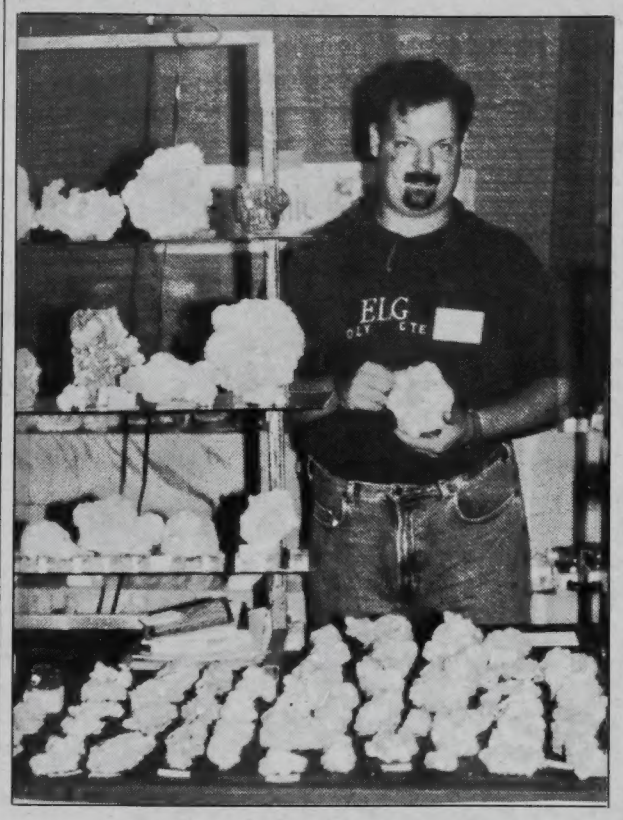
geologist-led mineral collecting field trips.

Dealers from Canada, the United States and Europe offer mineral specimens from all over the world. Last summer the Royal Ontario Museum was delighted to purchase a superb powellite specimen at the show, something they have been hoping to find for a few years time.



As with any hobby involving the natural sciences there are many amateur collectors who delve deeply into the hobby, and who are very active collecting, buying and trading specimens.

The Gemboree provides space for anyone to rent who wishes to trade, or "swap", material, or sell via "Swappers Dollars". This funny money can only be redeemed by dealers inside the arena, so that the sellers outside are not in competition with the dealers inside the arena.

Gold fever is something you never think will affect you until it happens. The sight of little flecks of the yellow metal in your pan is something to make your heart beat faster. Whether you're an

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Mommouth Agricultural Fair

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Baby Show.

There will also be games and a treasure hunt for the kids (12:00 noon) with prizes for everyone.

One of the central events of the fair, the Horse Draw, begins at 2:30. The gentle equine giants, and their handlers, pit muscle and teamwork against the inertia of stone blocks piled on a "boat": and - quite literally, move mountains. As the weights increase, the sobering physical and mental efforts needed to clear this land are distilled into that instant of maximum strain and focused will, which precedes the first shift of the stoneboat. Its fascination is perennial, and the competition keen.

You can develop quite an appetite, watching all the exertion. Luckily, the fair winds up with a beef dinner, served at 5:30 p.m. in the Lloyd Watson Centre ($9.50 adult; $5.00 children under 10).

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AMBROSE

Wilberforce Country Good Times

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into this 2 1/2 day country fair make it an attractive destination for everyone.

Besides the midway, which begins at 6 p.m., Friday night, there is also a special Bingo held at the Lloyd Watson Centre (7 p.m.) and a licensed "Family Night Dance" at the Arena (9 p.m. Admission to the dance is $2.00 with kids under 12 free. A country rock band will perform with plenty of spot dances, prizes, and fun for all ages.

Everyone turns out for the home-town parade which kicks off on Saturday (1 p.m.) with great fanfare. The parade winds its noisy, colourful way down the main street, bringing with it a festive, carnival atmosphere, with clowns and floats galore.

No one need go hungry as the local firemen provide on-site refreshments with their popular outdoor grill. This operates from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon.

The Amateur Talent Show, held in the Arena in conjunction with a beer garden, offers a cool refuge on a hot summer day. Preliminaries run Saturday: 2 to 5 p.m.; and finals are Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m.

A large flea market dominates the Lloyd Watson Centre and curling rink: Friday (7 p.m.): Saturday (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Sunday (9 a.m. to 5 p.m). Local and out-of-town vendors and crafts people display a wide assortment of specialty and bargain items.

The midway, of course, continues until Sunday at 6 p.m., with games of chance and skill and everyone's favourite rides.

A Saturday evening dance (7 p.m. at the Arena) features another local country rock band. Admission is $8.00 per person (18 years old and over) and the entertainment continues 'til 1 a.m.

With this assortment of fun, food, music, and entertainment, "Good Times" should be had by all!

N.H.H.S. Reunion

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are also getting involved in the reunion celebration by decorating their store windows. Displays will be varied, depicting school life in its many forms over the years. Prizes are offered for the most creative.

The cost of registration after May 15 is $40.00 per person. This includes all activities from the wine and cheese reception on Friday night to the dance on Saturday night, to the service on Sunday, and coffee and Farewells on Monday.

Dinner tickets are $10.00 extra each, and must be purchased prior to June 15.

Due to the large number of people attending, only one admission is charged regardless of the number of activities in which one chooses to participate.

Casual and Carefree are the key words to a Canada Day weekend to remember. A photographer will be on hand to capture candid shots; but bringing your own camera would be a good idea.

Schedule of events and Registration forms may be picked up at the Office Nook or from any committee member listed below, as well as:

* Margo - 332-3485 or
*Bernice, 332-1041

If you are planning to attend the N.H.H.S. reunion and are interested in getting involved, please contact the following:

* Volunteers - Connie, 332-2549;
* Antique or vintage cars - Sonya, 332-4268;
* Art exhibit - Ada, 332-2050;
* Variety show - Diane, 338-2161;
* Church service - Reg, 332-3660;
* Store displays - Colleen, 332-3264; Betty, 332-3053.

If you would be willing to billet, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 332-1513.

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Saturday, June 1. Deadline for Advertising in the next Cardiff Courier.

Thursday, June 6. Distribution Day for the next Cardiff Courier.

Saturday, June 8. Retirement tea in honour of Charles Hughes. 2 to 4 pm, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, Haliburton.

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Gemboree

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old hand at gold panning, looking to brush up on your technique, or a beginner at this art, you can check out the gold panning booth and win real Yukon gold you can keep.

Dr. Joe Mandarino, recently retired curator of the Royal Ontario Museum Mineralogy Department, will be on hand 10 am to noon and 2 pm to 4 pm, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and 10 am to noon Sunday, providing expert rock, mineral and gemstone identification. Bring in your most puzzling stone and see if you can stump the expert.

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Theatrics Summer Playhouse

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presentation is Willy Russell's award winning comedy, "SHIRLEY VALENTINE." Valentine is the maiden name of now long married Shirley Bradshaw.

With the children grown and on their own, Shirley finds that living life for the needs of husband Joe is just a little bit unfulfilling. She recalls her dreams and desires and longs for escape when a chance opportunity presents itself. With humour and candour, Shirley shares her deepest thoughts and her observations of life and happiness.

"SHIRLEY VALENTINE" runs July 24 - 27; and July 31 - August 3.

Season finale, opening August 14, is Norm Foster's new comedy "THE LONG WEEKEND".

A middle aged couple celebrates their new country home by inviting long time friends for the weekend. A certain competition is apparent: who is more successful? who is better off? who is truly happy?

Attractions are revealed and passions are aroused and, finally, living arrangements are affected.

Meeting again, years later, the couples renew their friendships to once again, surprising results.

Tickets will be on sale soon at Harvest Moon Whole Foods, and The Great Escape Book Store. Tickets are $12.00 individually, or, for a season ticket, $30.00 Also, groups of 10 or more may purchase tickets at the reduced price of $10.00.

THEATRICS TICKET HOT LINE is now open at 613 332-4464.

New this year will be the THEATRICS STARLIGHT CAFE; a dessert and coffee bar in the playhouse lobby for refreshments prior to and following performances.

THEATRICS SUMMER PLAYHOUSE promises its best season yet with three locally produced comedies starring seasoned veterans and new faces; all in the air conditioned comfort of Bancroft's VILLAGE PLAYHOUSE.

Mineral Capital Rodeo

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star Jason McCoy, and this year promises to be just as good.

Sunday begins with a Cowboy Breakfast at 8 am followed by an Interdenominational Church Service at 11 am.

A Rodeo Performance runs from 2 pm to 5 pm, when the spurs are hung up for another year.

Some of the exciting events to see are discussed below.

Bareback bronc riding shows the ability of the contestant to move his feet from the point of the horses shoulder back to his hand hold. The ride should last eight seconds, in which time the contestant's free hand cannot touch the animal or any part of his body. Bareback broncs are usually smaller than saddle broncs, with a lot of quick twists and turnbacks in their moves. The horse and rider are each judged to determine an overall score.

In steer wrestling, the contestant must transfer from horse to steer at a speed of about 50 km/h (30 mph), and turn the horns of a steer averaging 300 kg (650 lbs.), and wrestle it to the ground. The steer is considered thrown when all four feet are pointed in the same direction.

Bull riding is the most popular spectator event, and the most dangerous in the rodeo. Using a rope looped around the animal's girth area and holding this in one hand the rider must stay on a bucking bull, weighing up to 900 kg (2,000 lbs.) for eight seconds. The competitor's free hand must not touch the animal, himself, or any equipment.

For more information on the Mineral Capital Rodeo, contact the Bancroft and District Chamber of Commerce at (613) 332-1513.

Coe Hill Fair

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be a display of pre-1946 hand held farm implements that farmers of years ago used. And we are looking for people that would like to have their implements on display for the day as well.

Saturday is the day for the animals, poultry, rabbits, goats, pigs, horses, cows.

Coe Hill Fair is very proud of their poultry show, which is very large and well rounded.

The Fair also sports great horse racing, barrel racing, to dress classes. There is just about every type of class imaginable. It keeps the fans glued to their seats, not wanting to miss any of the action.

During the horse classes, the talent contest, nail driving contest and the rest can be seen from the grandstands.

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